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A stock company has just been formed by Mr. Burr, under the name of the Burr Implement Co., capital \$50,000. A commodious warehouse at Nos. 1219-1221 and 1223 Leavenworth st., and office at 303 south 13th street, with railway track and switch for the loading and unloading of cars at the door of the warehouses, give most perfect facilities for the transaction of the rapidly increasing business of this house.

LUMBER. GEO. T. HOAGLAND. In placing this record of Omaha's business prosperity before our patrons, and the thousands of others who will, through the medium of our annual supplement for 1881, seek to inform themselves regarding the progress of Omaha as a commercial city, we have seen fit to mention some of those who, by energy and perseverance in the face of all our past difficulties, have done so much to build up and add to our permanent commercial prosperity, and none are more justly entitled to our praise and commendation than the old established lumber firm of Geo. Hoagland, formerly Geo. T. Hoagland & Son, who have for the past twenty years maintained the leading position in the lumber trade of Omaha, having established themselves here in the spring of 1861, making them the pioneer lumbermen of Omaha.

During all these years their record has been one of advancement. Omaha was at that time almost unknown, and a comparatively insignificant frontier town struggling for an existence against the many difficulties that at that early day surrounded her. The lumber trade was then confined to the local wants of the community, as the immediate vicinity was comparatively unsettled, and the State or Territory an uninhabited land. The advent of new roads and the opening of new avenues of trade called for the establishment of yards where lumber could be handled direct from the cars, and resulted in a removal from up town to their present location, the foot of Douglas street, on the U. P. track, and at which place their entire business was centered, and now with their own track for loading and unloading cars, their facilities for handling lumber with dispatch and accuracy are unsurpassed in the west, now extending as far west as Colorado, and along the lines of the B. & M. U. P., and St. Paul & Sioux City railroads.

As the firm always buy for cash and in large quantities, they can always give themselves the lowest rates in the market, and as a natural consequence are able to offer to buyers the very lowest rate here. Their stock even at the present time is full and complete, while in addition to that on hand they have already made heavy purchases in different lumber regions in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and will be receiving at the rate of one hundred cars per month during the winter, so as to be fully prepared for the spring trade of 1881.

Their stock of glazed sash, doors of all sizes, blinds, etc., look to an inexperienced eye as sufficient to supply the entire western market. They also carry a heavy stock of the Akron cement, which is esteemed superior to any in the market. A plaster and plastering hair. Their brand of lime is the best in the market.

In entering upon the new year we can confidently recommend them to the public, but their past record is the most perfect assurance that could be given, that their efforts to meet all demands of trade will be greater in the future than in the past. With ample means and greater experience we prophesy for the firm a continuance of that business prosperity that their long and conscientious efforts have so justly entitled them to.

FOSTER AND GRAY. Foster & Gray, well known through out the west as heavy dealers in lumber, coal and lime, have done during the past year a business showing an increase of 12 1/2 per cent. over last year's sales. The increase in their anthracite coal trade amounts to a fifty per cent. In all branches their trade has steadily increased, and this has compelled them to carry a very much larger stock than heretofore. During the coming year the quantity of material in yards and warehouses will be still further increased. Railroad facilities for reaching distant localities now enables them to extend their trade far beyond its former boundaries. This firm is making quite a specialty of the California redwood, and considering that it was introduced only a few months ago, the demand for it is certainly remarkable. Some of our finest buildings are now being finished with this truly beautiful wood.

This firm is noted for enterprise, energy and the courteous affability which makes business a pleasure. Their up town office gives them an advantage possessed by no other house, and being in the heart of the city, any one can call without trouble and talk lumber, lime or coal.

J. A. WAKEFIELD. Is doing a rapidly increasing business in lumber, lath, shingles, sash, doors, blinds, cement, plaster, etc. He is State agent for the celebrated Milwaukee Cement, which is taking the place of all other brands so fast as its merits become known to consumers. Two thousand feet of railway side tracks are used in the transaction of his business, and the facilities for loading and unloading freight cars cheapens materially the expense for handling, and this enables him to undersell his less fortunate competitors. The yard is more convenient and accessible than any other in the city, and there are no steep river bluffs for teams to climb when hauling lumber. All street cars pass the door. Intending purchasers of lumber will do well to call or write before giving orders.

HARDWARE. DOLAN AND LANGWORTHY. This firm, although new comers, are entitled to a front rank position among our exclusively wholesale hardware houses. They occupy Steele & Johnson's old stand. Their great specialty is choice extra seasoned carriage and wagon wood stock. They carry iron, steel, nails and heavy hardware of all kinds. They are agents for some of the best rolling mills.

COMMISSION MERCHANT.

D. B. BEEMER, the fruit and produce commission merchant, and wholesale dealer in foreign and domestic fruit, butter, eggs, poultry, game, hams, bacon, lard, etc., has refrigerated rooms where perishable goods can be stored and held safely till market advances or weather changes. He also handles Booth's Oval Brand Oysters and Lake Superior Fresh White Fish and Trout. Shipments are made daily to dealers in Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Dakota, and into California. Western dealers will find it advantageous to buy oysters at Omaha, where the price is the same as at Chicago, with express charges added, while the oysters being thoroughly "chilled" here, and re-iced, will travel further and arrive in better order, than when shipped from Chicago.

STORAGE AND COMMISSION. B. F. TROXELL & CO., are successors to the well known firm of C. C. Housell & Co., Commission, Storage and Steamboat agents. They do a large commission trade, and the largest general storage business west of Chicago, receiving all the unclaimed goods from the railroads centering at this point, (some eight in all,) in addition to the storage of household goods, etc., for home patrons. They are also agents for the celebrated Clanton Mowing machines, and dealers in wagons, buggies, harness, scales, flour, oat machinery. The firm stands high, with ample means, are energetic, and we prophesy a brilliant future.

WALL PAPER AND WINDOW SHADES. HENRY LEHMANN. Wholesale and retail dealer, occupies three stories with 66 ft. frontage, on 12th street, and a warehouse in which a large stock of wall paper is stored. This is the largest and only exclusive wall paper and window shade house west of Chicago. He carries the latest patterns of all leading manufacturers, also imports French paper hangings. He will always duplicate manufacturers' and eastern jobbers' prices, thus saving to western dealers the enormous freight charges to Omaha. He also carries a full line of painters' and artists' materials, and is sole agent for Warren Bros' Patent Metallic Center-pieces. He makes a specialty of store shades, with or without artistic lettering. This firm took first premiums for wall papers, window shades, artists' materials, and mathematical instruments, making five first premiums awarded him at the Nebraska State Fair for 1880. He sends sample books of wall papers free to all dealers, and his traveler does not reach his trade throughout the west is rapidly increasing.

CARPETS. John B. Detwiler having opened out in the store formerly occupied by Her & Co., Central block, 1313 Farnham street, is now prepared to furnish a larger variety of goods to select from, and lower prices, than ever before. The business done during the past year shows a steady increase of premium sales, and during the coming year will be increased stock and a superior location, a vast trade is inevitable. Wholesale orders receive prompt attention, and the purchaser of a twenty-cent article receives the same courteous attention as if he purchased whose orders aggregate as many hundreds of dollars.

CROCKERY. Mr. H. W. Cremer, 480 and 17 1/2 street, is agent for the manufacture and importers of crockery, glassware, lamps, chimneys, etc., and is doing a rapidly increasing business. There is probably no one in this line of trade that is better known and more favorably known throughout the whole western country. Mr. Cremer's business is exclusively wholesale, and in this respect is without competition in Omaha.

SEED HOUSE. J. Evans, at Odd Fellows' hall, has the original and only regular seed house in Nebraska. His stock embraces all the best varieties of seeds from the best growers.

JEWELRY. A. B. Huberman has done an unprecedented business the past year. During the coming year his wholesale department will at least be trebled.

THE RETAIL TRADE. OUR HATTER. Bunn's hats are superior. All styles of straw, silk, and velvet hats, and are on his sign. Buttons and pins that are divine. Gloves and mittens of new design. Neckties color of sparkling wine. Suspenders to stretch when you dine. Bunn's is the best of his line. Yes, the goods are very neat. All fourteen nineteen Douglas street.

DRY GOODS. A. Cruickshank & Co. have made a very large increase in their business during the past year. Again, as in their store has been increased in size to accommodate their vast stock of goods and the throng of patrons. This house imports direct a large line of silks, also Scotch and Irish table linens and embroideries. This firm now makes their purchases from manufacturers and importers, thus saving the profits heretofore paid to the jobber. This is the largest retail dry goods house west of Chicago. It has a resident buyer in New York city, and a member of the firm visits the eastern markets four times a year. This establishment employs a staff of forty-three courteous and competent assistants, and Messrs. Cruickshank and Falconer are conspicuous for those traits of character that makes the perfect business man.

M. A. KURTZ. Is well known as the leading dealer in almost everything ladies require to beautify their homes or their persons. Furnishing goods, lace, embroideries, gloves, and things of like character is found here in great variety.

GROCERS.

J. B. FRENCH AND CO. The year just closed has been a prosperous one for the Omaha merchants, and none so far as we can judge, have more reason for congratulation than the "Old Reliable" firm of J. B. French & Co., fancy grocers at No. 1119 Farnham street, who retail at retail in 1879 exceeded one hundred thousand dollars, and they estimate an increase of fully twenty-five per cent. for the past year. The secret of their success is attributable to fair and honorable dealing with customers, which means large sales at a close margin of profit.

Their retail trade extends from the Missouri river west to Nevada; north to Dakota and Idaho, and south into Kansas and Colorado, where the people are rapidly learning that they can save from twenty to thirty per cent by ordering goods from French & Co., instead of buying from small dealers nearer home. This firm is the acknowledged leader in the retail grocery trade of this city.

J. I. NICHOLS AND CO. J. I. Nichols & Co., corner 13th and Dodge, have a trade in groceries that is rapidly taking front rank on account of low prices, honest dealing and good goods. A fine assortment of produce is also kept constantly on hand.

F. LANGE. It may not be generally known that Mr. F. Lange, of south 13th street, is doing the heaviest retail grocery business of any house in the city, but the figures he produces are hard to get over. During the year 1880 his sales aggregated \$75,000. The firmers of Douglas and adjoining counties are his regular patrons. Three teams are employed in making free deliveries to all parts of the city.

BOOTS AND SHOES. A. W. FULLER. A most enterprising, industrious, or successful retail grocery business we seldom have the pleasure of meeting. His store is crowded from morning till night, his goods are of the most reliable makes, his prices attract the attention of everyone, and secure for him a larger patronage than is given to the more pretentious stores up town.

THE LITTLE GIANT STORE. Farnham between 10th and 11th streets, Chas. N. Merriam, manager, is closing out its goods at a sacrifice. On Feb. 1st a complete stock will be opened in a new location.

DRUGS AND PERIODICALS. Mr. W. J. Whitehouse is taking the lead as a dealer in periodicals, and his large well filled store, stocked with drugs, cigars, paints, glass, notions and school books is one of the leading institutions of north 16th street.

MANUFACTURERS. CARRIAGE MANUFACTURERS. A. J. SIMPSON. Andrew J. Simpson has the largest and most complete carriage manufacturing establishment in the state. The factory and warehouses occupy half a block on Dodge street between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Some of the most elegant carriages and buggies in this city are Mr. Simpson's manufacture. Simpson's carriage repository is a three-story brick building with high basement. The basement is occupied by the blacksmithing department. The first and second stories are occupied by carriages and buggies, and the third story by painters and upholsters. From a very moderate beginning Mr. Simpson has by his enterprise succeeded in making one of the most extensive carriage factories in the west, and his carriages are reputed to be equal to the best manufactured in the United States, not only in design and elegance of finish, but in durability.

L. T. LONGPREY. Mr. L. T. Longprey, having added largely to his facilities, is now doing a steadily increasing business in all kinds of wagon work but his great specialty is on delivery spring wagons, in which he acknowledges few equals and no superiors.

OMAHA BREWERIES. The vast amount of money paid here for grain by brewers and distillers directly to our producers, and also the heavy revenue tax collected from them, is a large and important item in the circulating medium that would otherwise be lost to us if the Kansas prohibitory enactment should be made a law here as some radicals of the temperance societies intend.

THE OMAHA BREWERY. The Omaha Brewery, of which Mr. Frederick Krug is proprietor, was established in 1859, and is the oldest brewery in Nebraska. Mr. Krug has made great improvements the last few years, and now has one of the most complete and extensive establishments in the west. He has \$100,000 invested, has an annual capacity of 25,000 barrels, employs 20 men, and pays over \$10,000 for labor. The immense business he transacts is shown by the following statistics, taken from the internal revenue office statement: This, produced. Tax. 12,388 11,948 \$19,480

The above statistics are about 150 barrels short of the actual sales, as the revenue department has not yet made returns for December. Krug's Western Brewery has an extensive department devoted exclusively to bottling beer for shipment. The value of these private to lovers of good beer, for use in their families, as well as in the regular trade, well established Lager beer is put up and hermetically sealed. It is thus safe for transportation, at any time of the year, to any part of the country.

The addition of a new and elegant office and beer hall at a cost of about \$8,000, adds materially to the general convenience for the transportation of the extensive business of this house.

BAUMANN'S BREWERY. Mrs. J. Baumann is the proprietress and Mr. Gottlieb Storz is the brewer in charge of the famous Baumann's brewery. The brewery, malt house, garden and Mrs. Baumann's residence, occupies three and one-half acres of choice ground in the northern part of the city, and situated between 16th and 18th and Baumann and Poppleton sts. During the past year December 10th, 1879, to December 10th, 1880, this brewery sold 5,928 barrels of lager beer. Nine men and two teams are employed. The improvements made during the past year consist of an engine house (brick) with new boiler and machinery, costing \$4,400; also an addition to the malt house costing \$600. During the last year, 16,000 bushels of malt have been made.

METZ BROS. BREWERY.

The following figures show the immense business done by this well known company:

Bushels of barley bought, 15,460  
Bushels of malt bought, 18,532  
Banks of malt bought, 18,290  
Banks of malt sold, 7,500  
Paid out for malt, \$10,215.00  
Paid for barley, 9,236.00  
Wages paid to employees, 10,508.25  
Wages paid to bars, 5,120.00  
Number of barrels sold, 1,908.80

Not having December returns from the revenue office, we give an estimate of 150 barrels in addition to the above. They have the past year greatly enlarged their bottling department which has grown to the largest of its kind west of the Mississippi. They constantly employ eight hands in this department, and have bottled the past year over 1,000 barrels which has met with ready sale in all the western States and Territories. Their facilities for bottling were not sufficient to supply the great demand for their "Superior Export Beer," and they will double their capacity the coming year.

OMAHA SHOT FACTORY.

This factory, just erected, is in Wilcox's addition, office in Steele & Johnson's old stand. Mr. C. H. B. Carter is the manager, and Mr. C. W. Mead is president of the company. Under such management the greatest success possible is sure to attend this important enterprise. The goods produced, shot and bar lead of all kinds, are fully equal to that of the productions of any factory in the world. The buildings are in accordance with a system now in successful operation in a European factory, and also by one in this country. A shaft is sunk over 100 feet, to what there is over 200 feet of sixty feet in height, making a drop of over 160 feet. The wings are 25x75, two stories high. No expense has been spared to secure the latest improvements in machinery, and the most perfect outfit in every department.

CORNICE WORKS.

The Western Cornice Works, C. Specht, proprietor, factory and office 1310 Dodge street, has this year done a large business in the erection of buildings erected in and about Omaha. The following is a partial list of the structures which they have aided in erecting: Broatch's block; McCormick's; McCaffrey, Bros., cornice and roofing; Krug's cornice; Windheim's, Gruenig's, Woodworth's, Giacomini's and Hoagland's residence tower (cornice work). Also the bank at Norfolk, Neb., and the National Bank at Harlan, Ia. Hotel at Plattsmouth, and Liebhoff's block at Plattsmouth, Neb. Traynor's two stories on 10th street in this city, and many others. This firm began business during the last five months, and yet no manufacturing institution in Nebraska has done so much in the public estimation. Mr. Specht is a young man, hard working and enterprising, and is sure to succeed in building up a very valuable business. His success is really remarkable, and is the direct result of care, integrity, business tact and mechanical skill.

PORK PACKING.

RODDIS & THORAL. Though this is only the third season of this firm's existence, the long, practical experience of Mr. Roddis, the senior member of the firm, enabled it to take its place almost at once in the front rank of packers. The business of the firm has steadily increased ever since it began business. They have not only a splendid home patronage, but their goods are known and in demand in the seaboard cities of the Atlantic, as well as in San Francisco and other cities on the Pacific. They have already packed over 11,000 hogs this season. Their pay-roll exhibits over sixty names, and amounts to thousands of dollars monthly. It is a worthy enterprise and deserves the solid encouragement it is receiving.

CIGAR MANUFACTORIES.

The oldest established cigar house in Nebraska is that of West & Fischer, 1305 Douglas street. They employ more hands than any other six factories in Nebraska, and for proof of the extent of their sales, they refer to the revenue statistics which we publish elsewhere. Their wholesale trade extends throughout Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah and other parts of the west.

FERTILIZING WORKS.

Two manufacturing have been started this year that are destined in the west for far more to become very important items in Omaha business. Mr. Thos. S. Gibson, late secretary of the board of trade, has erected fertilizing works which dispose of all of our dead animals and slaughter house offal in such a manner as to produce a fertilizer of the highest quality. The value of 200 tons were sold the past year. The coming year at least 600 tons will be shipped east.

EGG AND BUTTER PACKERS.

McShane & Schroeder having this year expended \$4,900 in the erection of new brick buildings consisting of refrigerators and butter and egg packing house 60x60, feet are now better prepared than ever before for the vigorous prosecution of their business. Iowa and Missouri furnish a large part of the goods shipped by this firm, which demonstrates the extent of their trade. This year they handled and repacked a million and a half pounds of butter, and half a million dozen of eggs. They ship goods to both seaboard, and employ from ten to fifteen men.

OMAHA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS.

Whitney Clark & Co., proprietors, 1403 Douglas street, are manufacturing the celebrated Lion and Imperial Baking Powders, Flavoring Extracts, bluing, solid and liquid, roasted and ground coffees, and spices of every grade, also setting, lard, and packing house cake flour. This firm began manufacturing about three years ago with a one-horse power, and their business has increased to such an extent that they require and run a twenty-horse power engine, and have new machinery throughout. Their goods are pure and give perfect satisfaction, and are to be found in nearly every western town. Give them a trial and be convinced.

CONFECTIONERY.

A large and increasing wholesale business in confectionery, cakes, nuts, cigars, etc., is now being done by Rice & Weaver, (Joe & Sam) one door south of postoffice.

CARPENTERS AND BUILDERS.

Rosenberry & Bro., the well known carpenters and builders of 13th and Marcey streets, have probably the largest and best establishment in the territory that can be found west of the Missouri river. They are now contracting some of the best buildings that are being erected in this city, and besides they carry in stock and make to order all kinds of sash, doors, blinds, etc. All orders are promptly filled.

TRUNKS.

H. H. Mahoff manufactures to order and carries in stock a great variety of traveling trunks, sample trunks, telescope cases, elegant leather valises, ladies' and gent's hat boxes, and everything that constitutes the paraphernalia for putting away the outfit of a commercial traveler or a pleasure tourist. Factory and office No. 117 1/2 street. Repairs are promptly executed in the best manner.

SHOW CASES.

One of the best manufacturers in the west is that of Mr. Wilde, at Nos. 1315 and 1317 Cass street. The most finished work in all classes of exhibition cases is here made, and for prices that secure for Mr. Wilde the orders of nearly all our merchants. A large assortment of ready made cases are kept on hand, and dealers can nearly always find just what they want already prepared.

LINSEED OIL MILL.

This important industry, owned and operated by the firm of Tatt & Woodman, is producing millions of pounds of oil cake annually, and a large amount of choice linseed oil. To farmers they supply on easy terms the flax seed fee, and it is reputed to be the most profitable crop raised in Nebraska. The factory is now in full operation.

BRICKMAKERS.

Bailey & Olson are leading brickmakers and contractors. They have a considerable proportion of the work upon our new blocks and fine residences, besides employing a large force of men at their brick yards. Among the principal buildings they have erected during the past year are Max Meyer's new brick store, the new brick block Woodworth's on Douglas street. The magnificent B. & M. headquarters were erected by this firm.

HARNESS.

Mr. D. T. Mount, manufacturer and dealer in saddles and harness, is one of our most extensive dealers in the west. His large and well selected stock affords an ample opportunity for customers to suit themselves at any moment with what they may desire in their line. He superintends the business himself, and employs from nine to twelve skilled workmen the year round. Those wanting anything in his line cannot do better than to give him a call at 1112 Farnham street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CREIGHTON HOUSE. Between the Sierra Nevada and the Missouri river we know of no better conducted house than the Creighton, and we are familiar with the first-class hotels of the territory named. The house, the furniture, and the fixtures, are all new; the table is the best our market can afford, and the cuisine is perfect. The management is expressed by traveling men to patronize the Creighton, and that is that the best hotel west of the Missouri river is kept by M. Donovan, corner 13th street and Capitol avenue.

DENTIST.

DR. A. W. NASON. Dr. A. W. Nason, using White's Improved Pedal Lever Chair, and all the latest and best improvements in instruments, etc., which, together with his elegant rooms and experience has won for him the merited reputation of being the leading dentist of the west. Office up stairs in Jacobs' block, 13th and Capitol avenue.

LIVERY.

J. H. MESHANE. Mr. Meshane's establishment is complete throughout. It is a two-story brick, with elevator, elegant office and all modern conveniences. He has some of the best horses in the city, and the finest carriages that could be procured from Cincinnati factories. A large and increasing business is being done. The building is new and commodious. See illustration.

TURKISH BATHS.

Drs. Dinsmore & Gifford, 109 and 111 north Fifteenth street, are proprietors of probably the best institution of its kind in the trans-Missouri country. Turkish, vapor, electric, salt, mercurial and other Medicated Baths administered. These baths are a great luxury and most potent curative agents. Nearly all forms of disease rapidly disappear under their influence. All who try them are delighted with the effect.

LITHOGRAPHING.

The best work in this line, being fully equal to any we have seen in Chicago or eastern cities, is done by J. Rachek, the proprietor of the "The Omaha Lithographic Co., Hellman." Everything in this line is executed so that no one need send from home for fine artistic work.

LAUNDRY.

The City Steam Laundry, H. L. Wilkins, proprietor, is the leading institution in the laundry line. From thirty-five to fifty hands are employed. The machinery, building, etc., are metropolitan in every respect.

BUSINESS COLLEGE.

There is no better school for commercial training in all the west than the well established Great Western Business College. Geo. R. Rathburn, principal. College paper free.

DUGGAN'S EXPRESS.

Duggan's express do a general dry goods business, to and from the depots. Freight charges advanced on consignments and collected on delivery of goods. The patrons of this popular express have largely increased the past year. Mr. Duggan is doing a good business.

THE BUILDING RECORD.

The following is a list of some of the principal buildings erected and improvements made during the year 1880:

Table listing building records with columns for name, address, and value. Includes entries for James E. Boyd, S. A. Military supply depot, J. S. McManis, etc.

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